

1     ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

2             Network apparatuses, networks, computer program products, and  
3     management station operational methods are provided. One aspect of  
4     the invention provides a network apparatus including a management  
5     station adapted to couple with a network including a plurality of  
6     managed devices, the management station being configured to output a  
7     plurality of initial commands for application to respective managed  
8     devices, the initial commands being configured to stimulate initial  
9     responses from the managed devices, the management station being  
10    further configured to receive the initial responses, to identify responding  
11    ones of the managed devices responsive to the received initial responses,  
12    and to provide an asset table containing the identified managed devices.  
13    Another aspect provides a management station operational method  
14    including providing a network comprising a plurality of managed devices;  
15    outputting a plurality of initial commands to the managed devices using  
16    a management station to stimulate initial responses from the managed  
17    devices; receiving the initial responses from the managed devices using  
18    the management station; and identifying the managed devices using the  
19    management station responsive to the receiving the initial responses.

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